POLICY & LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING TO CITIZENSHIP

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American citizenship is a “precious right . . . it would be difficult to exaggerate its value and importance.”

“[c]itizenship obtained through naturalization is not a second-class citizenship.”
Form N-400
Application for Naturalization

22. Have you EVER committed, assisted in committing, or attempted to commit, a crime or offense for which you were NOT arrested? □ Yes □ No

31. Have you EVER given any U.S. Government officials any information or documentation that was false, fraudulent, or misleading? □ Yes □ No

32. Have you EVER lied to any U.S. Government officials to gain entry or admission into the United States or to gain immigration benefits while in the United States? □ Yes □ No
It is a crime to:

“knowingly procure[ ] or attempt[ ] to procure, contrary to law, the naturalization of any person.”

18 U.S.C. § 1425(a)
Syllabus

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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Syllabus

MASLENJAK v. UNITED STATES

CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

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Recommendations:

1. Increase administrative capacity and funding for naturalization so that we can reduce the wait times and naturalize eligible citizens quicker
2. Ensure that there are lawyers or accredited representatives to provide legal counsel to applicants seeking to naturalize
3. Update the registry date
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/immigrants/help/legal-services/citizenship.page